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VIRGINIA HAMILTON TO LECTURE AT LC

The Library of Congress will observe National Children's Book Week with a lecture by Virginia Hamilton at 8 p.m. on Monday, November 17. Miss Hamilton, a notably recognized author of books for young people, will lecture on writing for children in the Coolidge Auditorium. Her lecture is presented under the auspices of the Gertrude Clarke Whittall Poetry and Literature Fund. No tickets will be required.

Miss Hamilton, the youngest of five children, was born and grew up in Yellow Springs, Ohio, which was once a station on the Underground Railroad; her grandfather Perry had been a fugitive slave. When she finished high school, she received a full scholarship to Antioch College in Yellow Springs, where she developed an urge to become a writer. After a number of years singing and studying in New York and two years at Ohio State University, she married Arnold Adoff. Miss Hamilton and her husband returned to Ohio, where they built a house in Yellow Springs and now live with their two children. Residing in the community are relatives and neighbors whose forebears also descended from runaway slaves and abolitionists.

Of her writing, which consisted of adult short stories before she turned to creating fiction for children, Virginia Hamilton has said, "I am learning to go backward and forward in time with the feeling of simultaneousness." She has gone backward to the experiences of black history—in *Zeely* (1967), the story of a little girl who worships someone she believes to be a Watusi princess, and she has used the Underground Railroad and a runaway slave in *The House of Dies Drear* (1968), a book which won her two mystery story awards. She turned to contempo-

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GUIDELINES FOR SOLICITATION OF LC EMPLOYEES TO JOIN UNION ISSUED

Pursuant to LCR 1819, the Director of the Administrative Department has issued the following guidelines concerning the solicitation of employees to join or not to join a union, including the signing of authorization cards, the distribution of literature, and the use of Library facilities under the Labor-Management Program in the Library under LCR 2026. These guidelines were effective September 20.

(1) Employees may during non-work time solicit, including the signing of authorization cards, for or against a union. By non-work time is meant the non-work time of both the employee doing the soliciting and the employee being solicited.

(2) Non-employees, including union organizers or those opposed to a union, may solicit members of the staff, including the signing of authorization cards, during non-work time at designated areas within the cafeterias and snack bars open to the public which are controlled by the Library. As above, non-work time

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refers to the non-work time of any member of the staff being solicited.

(3) Employees may distribute literature on Library premises for or against a union during non-work time and in non-work areas. Library halls and exhibit areas are held to be work areas.

(4) Employees and non-employees, including union organizers or those opposed to a union, may distribute literature on Library premises, before and after normal working hours, that is, 7 to 9 a.m., and 4 to 6 p.m., but confined to the area immediately outside of each entrance to its buildings. Provided, however, in extremely inclement weather, the Senior Police Officer on duty may approve such distribution to be made within the immediate lobby area of each entrance. Provided, further, that this foregoing provision regarding inclement weather shall apply only to those buildings controlled by the Library.

(5) A labor organization which has petitioned for representation under LCR 2026, any other labor organization similarly situated, and any member of the staff opposed to such labor organization, may arrange to have campaign literature mailed to members of the staff on not more than three occasions prior to the election by use of Library facilities. Arrangements for such mailing shall be made through the Labor-Managment Relations and Appeals Office and all campaign literature must be in envelopes ready for addressing and mailing by the Library. Such mailing must be stamped or prepaid by the requesting labor organization and/or member of the staff. In addition, the cost of any mailing subsequent to the first shall be paid in advance by the requesting labor organization and/or member of the staff.

(6) No member of the staff and no non-employee may distribute literature for or against a union in work areas of the Library.

(7) Except as provided above, no facility of the Library shall be used or made available for organizing for or against union representation under LCR 2026.

Any question concerning the designation of these areas and any questions concerning these guidelines should be referred to the Labor-Management Relations and Appeals Office, ext. 6418.

JUILLIARD STRING QUARTET WILL PERFORM ON NOVEMBER 6, 7

The Juilliard String Quartet will present two concerts of chamber music on Thursday and Friday evenings, November 6 and 7. The members of the ensemble are Robert Mann and Earl Carlyss, violins; Samuel Rhodes, viola; and Joel Krosnick, violoncello. The program will include Quartet in A major, Op. 18, No. 5 by Ludwig van Beethoven; String Quartet No. 3 by Elliott Carter; and Quartet in A major, Op. 41, No. 3 by Robert Schumann.

Both concerts are sponsored by the Gertrude Clarke Whittall Foundation in the Library of Congress. The programs will begin promptly at 8:30 p.m. in the Coolidge Auditorium of the Library.

Tickets for the concerts will be distributed by Patrick Hayes, 1300 G St., N.W., beginning at 8:30 a.m., Monday, November 3. A service charge of 25 cents is placed on each ticket, and only two tickets are distributed to an individual. Telephone reservations may be made on Monday morning by calling 393-4463. Mail orders are not accepted.

The concert on Friday evening will be broadcast live and in its entirety by Station WETA-FM, and made available to stations in other cities through the Katie and Walter Louchheim Fund in the Library of Congress.

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rary New York City and black characters there in *The Planet of Junior Brown* (1971), which was an honor book for the Newbery Medal and a nominee for the National Book Award. All of these were American Library Association Notable Children's Books.

In between these full-length works she wrote two volumes of short stories about a hero with magic powers. *Time-Ago Tales of Jahdu* (1969) was another ALA notable children's book, and it was succeeded in four years by *Time-Ago Lost: More Tales of Jahdu.* In 1974, two books were issued, *Paul Robeson: The Life and Times of a Free Black Man* (Harper & Row) and *M. C. Higgins the Great* (Macmillan), a novel for young people about a boy growing up in Appalachia. Following in a series of winners, honors, and awards this publication achieved three major annual distinctions bestowed by deliberating juries: The Boston-Globe-Horn Book Award, the John Newbery Medal, and the National Book Award for Children's Literature. "Triple-crowned" has been the term for Virginia Hamilton as the creator of this remarkable book. Thomas Y. Crowell Company published this year for older readers her selection of essays, articles, speeches, and excerpts from other writings by William E. B. DuBois.

Tape recordings of this and other programs in the Library's literary series are made available by the Gertrude Clarke Whittall Poetry and Literature Fund for delayed broadcast in other cities through the National Public Radio. The program will be presented in a delayed broadcast by radio station WGMS-FM on a date to be announced.

LC MATERIAL EXHIBITED AT LBJ LIBRARY

Until November 30, the Lyndon B. Johnson Library, Austin, Texas, is exhibiting a number of manuscripts by former Presidents on the nature of the office they held. "The Presidents on the Presidency" was opened to the public August 27, a date which would have been the late Mr. Johnson's 67th birthday. The exhibit is the first of a series of bicentennial observances by the LBJ Library.

In planning the exhibit, officers of the Johnson Library sought the advice of the Library of Congress Manuscript Division and Exhibits Office. Most of the items displayed come from Manuscript Division holdings of Presidential papers, including the most succinct—Calvin Coolidge's note, "I do not choose to run for president in nineteen twenty eight." Other manuscripts were borrowed for the purpose from the Ohio Historical Society, Chicago Historical Society, State University of New York (Oswego), and other Presdential libraries.

Mrs. Lyndon Johnson opened the exhibit August 26 for a limited group, which included her daughters, Mrs. Charles Robb and Mrs. Patrick Nugent, officials of the University of Texas, and many of her husband's former associates. The Library of Congress was represented on that occasion by John C. Broderick, Chief of the Manuscript Division.

COPYRIGHT REVISION HEARINGS HELD ON SEPTEMBER 11 AND 18

Mechanical royalty, the amount paid by record companies to composers for use of their works, was the topic of hearings held in the Rayburn House Office Building, Room 2226, on September 11 before the House Judiciary Committee's Subcommittee on Courts, Civil Liberties, and the Administration of Justice.

The first set of witnesses was opposed to Section 115 of H.R. 2223, the bill for the general revision of the copyright law. Section 115 would increase the ceiling of the mechanical royalty rate from its present level of two cents to three cents for each work embodied in a phonorecord. (The present rate of two cents is unchanged from the original Copyright Act of 1909 when the old discs had one rendition on one side only, not to mention the wax cylinders for the old Edison phonographs.)

Opposing witnesses from the record companies included Stanley Gortikov, President, Recording Industry Association of America (who earlier had given testimony supporting the payment of performance royalties, as reported in the LC *Information Bulletin* on September 12, p. 360); John D. Glover, Director, Cambridge Research Institute; Michael Kapp, President, Warner Special Products, Inc.; and John Cohen, President, Disc Records Co. and member of the Board of Directors of the National Association of Recording Merchandisers.

Proponents of payment of mechanical royalties included Leonard Feist, who spoke on behalf of the American Guild of Authors and Composers and of the National Music Publishers; Robert R. Nathan of

Robert R. Nathan Associates, Inc.; Ralph Peer of Peer Southern Organization, music publishers; and songwriters Marvin Hamlisch (the musical score for "The Sting" and "The Way We Were") and 92-year-old Eubie Blake ("I'm Just Wild About Harry" and "Memories of You").

Topics discussed at copyright revision hearings held on September 18 were retention of the manufacturing clause, the exemption from copyright infringement of noncontiguous television programs, and the exemption of transmissions of material for "aural-handicapped" or "print-handicapped" people and for religious broadcasts.

The manufacturing clause, Section 601 of H.R. 2223, which in effect protects the American printing industry and its employees by requiring that the great majority of English-language books be printed in the United States, was supported by O. R. Strackbein, legislative representative of the International Allied Printing Trades Association. The association is comprised of the International Typographical Union, the Graphic Arts International Union, and the International Printing and Graphic Communications Union. Retention of the clause was also supported by Gerhard P. Van Arkel, General Counsel for the International Typographical Union, and by Jack B. Sandler, Chairman of the Government Relations Committee of the Book Manufacturers Institute. Irwin Karp, Counsel for the Authors League of America, said the League would accept the present projected manufacturing clause as a compromise, but wanted it eliminated by the end of 1982.

In regard to the issue of noncontiguous cable antenna television, Rep. Spark M. Matsunaga of Hawaii filed a statement advocating passage of H.R. 9301, a bill introduced on August 1 by Delegate Antonio Borja Won Pat of Guam and by him "which would allow CATV operators in noncontiguous areas of the United States [such as Guam and, to a lesser extent, Hawaii] to carry a full complement of videotaped programs for their paid subscribers, without incurring copyright liability."

Also speaking in support of H.R. 9301 were Lee Holmes, President, Guam Cable TV System, and Edward Hooper, who appeared on behalf of Jack Valenti, President of the Motion Picture Association of America, Inc., and the Association of Motion Picture and Television Producers.

Speaking in support of the exemption from copyright infringement of transmissions of programs to "aural-handicapped" and "print-handicapped" people and the exemption for religious broadcasts was Thomas F. Zimmerman, an ordained minister and First Vice President of National Religious Broadcasters. Opposing him was Albert F. Ciancimino, Counsel for SESAC, Inc. (Society for European Stage Authors and Composers, Inc.).

Proponents of a copyright exemption for "print-handicapped" were Walter Sheppard who testified on behalf of the Association of Public Radio Stations; and Margaret Rockwell, President and Director of The Washington Ear, a nonprofit corporation that transmits programs for the handicapped via a subcarrier channel of public radio station WETA-FM. Townsend Hoopes, President of the Association of American Publishers, said that AAP wanted clarification of "print-handicapped" and "aural-handicapped" before taking a position.

Opposing the exemption was Mr. Karp, Counsel for the Authors League of America.

The hearings were resumed October 30.

STAFF NEWS

RETIREMENT

Katsuyo L. Takeshita, Head of the Asian Materials Section in the Subject Cataloging Division, retired on September 30 after 31 years of Federal service. Mrs. Takeshita joined the Library staff in August 1946 as a member of the Orientalia Division where she served until 1962 as a Cataloger, Serials and Reference Librarian, and Editor of the Japanese Union Catalog and Serial Record. She became a Cataloger of Japanese and Korean materials in the Subject Cataloging Division in 1962 and first Head of the Far Eastern Materials Section, recently renamed the Asian Materials Section, in 1972.

Her friends and associates throughout the Library honored her at a reception held in the division offices which had been specially decorated for the occasion. Her gracious spirit will be warmly remembered and missed.

AWARD

Samuel C. Likins, an Editor in the National Union Catalog Publication Project, received a 20-year Federal Service Award pin on October 6 from David A. Smith, Assistant Project Head.

A native of Marblehead, Mass., and a graduate of Tufts University, Mr. Likins has been with the Library throughout his Government service, except for brief military tours with both the U.S. Navy and U.S. Air Force. From 1958 to 1965, he served in several

positions in the Exchange and Gift Division. Mr. Likins was on the staff of the Catalog Maintenance and Catalog Publication Division from 1965 through 1968 as a Searcher-Filer and Editor. In January 1969, he was promoted to his present position, Assistant Catalog Editor in the National Union Catalog Publication Project.

PERSONNEL CHANGES

Appointments: James Bourie, reading room assistant for loose-leaf service, GS-4, LL AB, 1106; Steven Einhorn, clerk, GS-4, CRS C, 1047; Eric Ford, mail clerk, GS-3, Cop Serv, OP 10-200; Donald Haines, legal analyst, GS-11, CRS A, 1155; Christopher Kendris, librarian, GS-11, Share Cat, 1016; Ronald Lechner, deck attendant, GS-4, Ser, 1142; Loretta McCarthy, clerk-typist, GS-4, Ord, 1197; Beatriz Mayoral, clerk-typist, GT-3, Photodup, OP 2-100; Sharon Pringle, library aid, GT-1, E&G, NP; Lloyd Rasmussen, electronics technician, GS-9, DBPH, 1061; Joe Russ, computer console equipment operator, GS-7, ISO, 1053; Thomas Sefferly, library technician, GS-4, Loan, 1163; Nancy Sharbel, editorial assistant, GS-4, CRS Ed, 1133; Linda Trapp, editorial assistant, GS-4, CRS C, 1133; Gail White, clerk-typist, GS-4, Desc Cat, 1074; David Young, deck attendant, GS-3, S&R, OP 2-600.

Temporary Appointments: Linda Mitchell, library aid, GS-1, Ord, NP; Diana Pierson, editorial assistant, GS-5, CRS Ed, 1132.

Promotions: Mary Ison, to reference librarian (architectural), GS-7, P&P, 1122; Randall Koladis, to writer-editor, GS-11, DBPH, 1230; Doris Masi, secretary to chief, GS-5, FRD, 1254; Eveline Nave, to assistant supervisor for counter and telephone, GT-7, Photodup, 1168; Josephus Nelson, to team leader, congressional reference centers, GS-12, CRS C, 1136; Anne Stevens, Photodup, to reference assistant, GS-5, CRS Ed, 1170; Diana Wilson, to clerical assistant, GS-5, Loan, 1256.

Transfers: Warren Johnson, S&R, to publications clerk, GS-4, CS, 1116; Richard Wellons, CRS S, to economic analyst, GS-7, CRS E, 1242; Peggy Williams, Cat Publ, to arranging and distribution assistant, GS-3, Cat Mgmt, 1143.

Resignations: Larry Nowels, CRS F; Ella Payton, Ser Rec; William Pettibon, Loan; Adrienne Smith, CRS F.

STAFF ACTIVITIES

Carleton W. Kenyon, Law Librarian of the Library of Congress, gave the keynote address at a meeting of the International Law Section of the Los Angeles County, Calif., Bar Association on October 9. The meeting was in honor of the Los Angeles County Law Library, and recognized particularly its Foreign Law Section for years of valuable assistance to lawyers working in international, public and private law. In his speech, titled "The Global Reach of Law Libraries," Mr. Kenyon discussed the role of law libraries and the steadily expanding need for foreign and international law collections as the world has grown more interdependent. He outlined the primary function of the Library of Congress Law Library, the world's largest with 1,600,000 volumes, in providing reference and research services in foreign, comparative, and international law for Congress, committees, Federal agencies, legal scholars, and lawyers. He also paid tribute to the Los Angeles County Law Library for its worldwide stature as a resource center and commended it for having the foresight almost 30 years ago to develop a system of organizing or classifying foreign and international law publications. Present at the meeting were consular officers of a number of foreign countries, including France, Switzerland, and Turkey. Also attending were judges, lawyers–including several from other nations–and the president of the American Bar Association.

Francis S. Wagner, Cataloger in the Subject Cataloging Division, is the author of a study entitled "Hungarian Contributions to American Culture," which was inserted in the September 30 *Congressional Record* on p. E5114-5115 by New York Rep. Frank Horton. Mr. Wagner's study summarizes the Hungarian contributions since 1832, the year the Hungarian Academy of Sciences initiated its first foreign contact, not with the then flourishing royal institutions of continental Europe and Great Britain, but with the Benjamin Franklin-founded and Philadelphia-based American Philosophical Society. Mr. Wagner has also published a treatise under the title *A Magyar Kisebbségek Helyzete a Szomazédállamokban* (The Situation of Hungarian Minorities in the Neighboring States. Cleveland, Catholic Publishers, 1975). This is a comparative analysis of the nationality question in Austria, Czechoslovakia, the Soviet Union, Romania, and Yugoslavia, focusing on the de jure and de facto situation of Hungarian minorities.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sharon M. Noble, English Language Section 3, Descriptive Cataloging Division, and **Jackson Tsai,** Catalog Management Division, were married September 26 in Arlington, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Antonio Carlos Martins Bastos are the parents of a daughter, Fabiane Bravo. Mrs. Batos is a Librarian in the Exchange and Gift Section of LC's Regional Acquisitions Center in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Mr. and Mrs. James M. Gilbert are the parents of a daughter, Miko Tiffany, born on October 8 at the Prince George's County Hospital. Mrs. Gilbert is an Arranging and Distribution Assistant in the Card Preparation Section, Catalog Management Division, and Mr. Gilbert works for the American Rug Co.

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS PUBLICATIONS

American Printmaking Before 1876: Fact, Fiction, and Fantasy. Washington, 1975. (iv, 79 p.) For sale by the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402, for $2.15 a copy (GPO Stock Number 3014-00002). It will also be available from the Information Counter, Main Building, Library of Congress.

This collection of nine papers was presented at a symposium held at the Library of Congress in June 1972, which was made possible through a gift to the Library from Mr. and Mrs. Lionel C. Epstein of Washington, D.C. The papers, which were presented by scholars and specialists in American printmaking, explore the reliability of early American prints as historical documentation. The publication includes a preface by Edgar Breitenbach, former Chief of the Library's Prints and Photographs Division.

Annual Report of the Librarian of Congress for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1974. ISSN 0083-1565. Washington, 1975. (xii, 181 p.) Clothbound. For sale by the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402, for $6.40 a copy (GPO Stock Number 030-000-00078-1). It will also be available from the Information Counter, Library of Congress. Free to libraries upon request to the Central Services Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. 20540. On the basis of need, LC staff members may obtain copies in person from the Publications Distribution Unit, MB-C142; telephone requests cannot be filled.

Classification, Class C, Auxiliary Sciences of History. 3rd Edition. 1975. (vi, 126 p.) A significant feature of this edition is the updating of the terminology and provisions for geographical jurisdictions. It includes all interim developments since the 2nd edition in 1947 through March 1974, including the new Subclass C for works dealing collectively with the several auxiliary sciences of history. For sale by the Cataloging Distribution Service Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. 20541, at $6.75 a copy.

Library of Congress Catalog–Books: Subjects, A Cumulative List of Works Represented by Library of Congress Printed Cards. ISSN 0041-7785. October-December 1974. Part 1: A-Bosh (ix, 1010 p.) For sale by the Cataloging Distribution Service Division for $630 a year for the three quarterly issues plus an annual cumulation. Subscriptions received after the annual cumulation appears will receive only the cumulation.

Library of Congress Catalogs: Chinese Cooperative Catalog. ISSN 0095-1072. August 1975. Part 1: A-K (v, 109 p.) Part 2: L-Y (110 p.) For sale by the Cataloging Distribution Service Division for $155 a year.

National Register of Microfilm Masters. 1974. ISSN 0090-3299. (xi, 977 p.) 1975. For sale by the Cataloging Distribution Service Division for $40 a copy. Subscription to the *National Union Catalog* no longer includes this publication.

New Serial Titles: A Union List of Serials Commencing Publication After December 31, 1949. ISSN 0028-6680. July-September 1975. (xiii, 126 p.) Prepared under the sponsorship of the Joint Committee on the Union List of Serials and issued in eight monthly and four quarterly issues and a cumulative annual volume. Supplement to the *Union List of Serials,* 3rd Edition. For sale by the Cataloging Distribution Service Division for $170 for a year's subscription.

NEW REFERENCE WORKS

The first two volumes in a series called *Guide to U.S. Government Maps,* compiled by John L. Andriot, have been published by Documents Index, Box 195, McLean, Va. 22101. The two-volume set is priced at $50. One volume of 309 pages consists of a reprint of the geographic place names in the index section of the *National Atlas of the United States of America,* published in 1970 by the U.S. Geological Survey.

Another volume of 432 pages lists some 4,800 geologic and hydrologic maps published by the U.S. Geological Survey between 1879 and December 1974. The maps are listed under their respective subject headings. Each map is identified by name, compiler, year of publication, scale, geographic coordinates, contour intervals, and price. The volume contains an index organized by geographic area, subject, and geographic coordinates. According to Mr. Andriot, the third volume of the series will be a guide to some 60,000 topographic maps.

Librarians, cartographers, and the general public

will find these volumes a useful reference source for U.S. Geological Survey geologic and hydrologic maps. If, as the author states in the preface, these efforts are expanded to include all current U.S. Government-produced maps, charts, and atlases, these guides will serve as one of the most important cartographic sources in this country for reference and research purposes. [*Donald A. Wise*]

A recent bibliography which will be of interest to American students of the Soviet Union is L. S. Serebriakova's *Sotsiologicheskie issledovaniia protsessov izmeneniia sotsial'noi struktury sovetskogo obshchestva; bibliograficheskii biulleten' literatury za 1966-1972 gg.* (Moscow, 1973. 295 p. Z7165.R956), a guide to Soviet books and articles published in the years 1966-1972 and dealing with sociological studies of the processes of change in Soviet society. The 1,743 entries in this work, which was sponsored by the Institute of Sociological Investigation of the Academy of Sciences of the U.S.S.R., are distributed under a number of major headings, including separate sections referring to the working class, the peasants, and the intelligentsia, respectively. The section on the sources of recruitment of members of each of these groups provides a broad listing of materials on Soviet youth and on their patterns of career choices. There are also headings for materials dealing with social mobility and migration as a factor in societal change, for studies of sociological methodology, and for analyses of non-Soviet concepts of Soviet society. This work is available for consultation in the Slavic Reading Room. [*Robert V. Allen*]

NEWS IN THE LIBRARY WORLD

Service for Herman Kahn Set

A memorial service for Herman Kahn, who died in New Haven, Conn., on Thursday, June 5, will be held on November 6 at 2 p.m. in Dwight Hall on the Yale University campus. Mr. Kahn, who was Associate Librarian for Manuscripts and Archives at the Yale University Library at the time of his death, had been Director of the Franklin D. Roosevelt Library, Hyde Park, N.Y., from 1948 to 1961, Assistant Archivist of the United States for Civil Archives from 1961 to 1963, and Assistant Archivist for Presidential Libraries from 1964 to 1968 when he joined the Yale Library.

Born on August 13, 1907, in Rochester, N.Y., Mr. Kahn held bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Minnesota, was a former president of the Society of American Archivists, and had been a member of the National Archives Advisory Council. He had been named the Society's representative on the recently created National Study Commission on Records and Documents of Federal Officials.

Mr. Kahn was survived by his widow, the former Anne Suess, a son, Michael F., and a daughter, Mrs. Kenneth O. Devens.

Maps Working Group Meets

The Joint Working Group on ISBD (Maps) of the IFLA Committee on Cataloging, Subsection of Geography and Map Libraries, met in London on September 3-5 at facilities kindly provided by Helen Wallis, Keeper of Maps in the British Library.

Working Group members present included Hugo L. P. Stibbe, Public Archives of Canada (Chairman); David K. Carrington, Library of Congress; Maria Chu, University of Hong Kong; Leena Miekkavaara, University of Helsinki; Monique Pelletier, Bibliothèque Nationale, Paris; E. H. van de Waal, Geografische Instituut der Rijksuniversiteit, Utrecht; and Lothar Zögner, Staatsbibliothek Preussischer Kulturbesitz, Berlin.

The purpose of the meetings was to develop, in draft form, a provisional international standard bibliographic description for cartographic materials. Before the London meetings, each member had prepared position papers, critiques, and comments based on study and discussion of a draft document presented to the Working Group at the IFLA meetings held in Washington, D.C., in November 1974.

Each position paper or set of comments prepared was circulated to all group members for further consideration before the London conference. During the three days of intensive meetings, questions concerning definition, sources of information, record elements, element order, punctuation, and the impact of work on other ISBD's were discussed in detail. The meetings generated a provisional ISBD in draft form which reflects the collective thinking and practice of participating group members. The working draft will be typed and distributed to the appropriate national bibliographic agencies, interested map libraries and librarians, professional organizations, and those additional cartographic centers concerned with the work of the IFLA group. It is hoped an acceptable international standard can be approved in the near future.

[*David K. Carrington*]

Western Conference of Librarians Serving the Blind and Physically Handicapped Convened

Representatives of 13 western libraries serving the

blind and physically handicapped gathered in Boise, Idaho, on October 1-3 to discuss regional library problems and review plans for current and future activities of the Library of Congress Division for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. Ellen Zabel, Assistant Chief for Network Development, and John Kozar, Assistant for Library Resources, represented DBPH.

As guests of Idaho State Library, the group was welcomed by Helen, Miller, State Librarian, and Evva Larson, Assistant State Librarian. Tours of the regional library's audio and circulation facilities were conducted to share Idaho's approach to library service for the blind and handicapped. The remainder of the first day was spent discussing regional library problems with respect to circulation and reserve systems, statistical reporting, and DBPH book selection activities. The afternoon meeting closed with a film presentation describing the services provided by the Arizona Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. Helen Thomson, Coordinator of Volunteers, Idaho State Library, keynoted a dinner presentation entitled "The Volunteer Reader—Recruiting, Utilizing Time and Talent." Techniques employed in Idaho to locate and utilize volunteers for recording materials were highlighted, and a general discussion of volunteer activities in the western states followed.

The second day of the conference began with a tour of the Idaho Commission for the Blind conducted by Howard Barton, Director, and continued at the Idaho State Library with discussions of standards and guidelines for regional libraries, budgeting, an update of current automation activities at DBPH and regional libraries, reference services, and the current status of magazines supplied by DBPH. Frank McCumber of Telephone Pioneers of Idaho led a dinner discussion of "Radio Reading Services." Conference participants reported current programs and plans for future radio services for the blind and handicapped.

The final day of the conference began with an in-depth discussion of the Multistate Center. Jerry Buttars, Librarian and Director of the Utah-based operation, indicated the need for more regional coordination of activities by the center and stressed the need for continuing guidance and support from DBPH. The remainder of the conference was devoted to a discussion of future plans and programs sponsored by DBPH. Topics included the availability of supplies and containers, quota determinations for machines, magazines and books, quality control, and sharing of library materials on a regional basis.

[*Ellen Zabel* and *John Kozar*]

WORKSHOP

The **Michigan Department of Education** is sponsoring a Bicentennial workshop on libraries and local history in Ann Arbor on November 4-5. Additional information on the workshop is available from Elizabeth Lindsey, State Library Services, Michigan Department of Education, 735 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing, Mich. 48913.

Correction: The account in the August 8 LC *Information Bulletin*, p. A-174, of Bruce Miller's presentation at the July 2 meeting of the Library Research Round Table should have stated that the estimated book loss rate in the Northwestern University Library was 3.8 percent over 3 1/2 years, not 3.5 percent per year, and that the discrepancy between the 3.8 percent estimated rate and the 1.8 percent rate found by a collection inventory may possibly be due to the different times at which the sample searching and inventory were conducted.

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